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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action, dated January 18, 2002 (Paper No. 4), Applicants respectfully request entry of the following amendments to the application and request reconsideration of the rejections of record in view of the following remarks.

In the Specification:

1. Please delete the contents on page 95 of the original application, including the title and the abstract, and add the abstract, attached hereto as a separate page.